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ABSTRACT

This picture book for young children features various animals matched with a verb conveying something about the animal's behavior. Each animal and its action verb are depicted in two illustrations that allow the viewer to solve a visual puzzle. Each illustration is labeled with only one word. The first picture shows a part of the animal and the action verb while the second picture shows the whole animal and its name. A glossary describes all of the depicted animals at length, including their size, habitat, diet, and behaviors. A separate teaching guide, designed to be used with the picture book, offers several activities to support and enhance the curriculum. The activities are divided into the areas of language arts, science, movement, and art. Sample science themes explored include camouflage, the five senses, and protection. Movement activities allow students to mimic such active verbs in the book as slither, reach, and swing. Art activities have students trying to use the "part to whole" style of drawing. Activities are divided into sections for younger and older children. A section is devoted to preparing students for reading the book and activating prior knowledge by having students list animals they have actually seen and having them demonstrate how each one moves. A section on related literature refers to specific animal themes in other books to reinforce lessons about the behaviors of the animals in this picture book. (PVD)

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